

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN ST. MAARTEN

PHILIPSBURG— A light earthquake, which lasted for about a minute and registered 6.6, on the Richter scale was felt in St. Maarten and on other islands in the Eastern Caribbean during the weekend. The tremor was felt about 11 a.m. on the Front Street, St. Maarten's most important shopping center. Except for some small articles in homes and stores which fell to the floor, no damage was reported.

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AMERICAN DOLLAR COULD BE ARUBA'S MEDIUM OF PAYMENT

ORANJESTAD— The U.S. dollar could become Aruba's official medium of payment on January 1, 1986, the Minister of Economic Affairs, Don Mansur told the Dutch press. The statement which appeared in the Dutch newspaper De Volkskrant raised many eyebrows in Central Government circles, due to the fact that up to now no decision

was made about that matter in the Antillean parliament. Minister Mansur is one of the compilers of the Perspectives for Aruba's own money, in which it is recommended to postpone the introduction of an Aruban currency, due to the current situation. According to the recommendations in the report, there are three possibilities concerning a me-

di-um of payment for Aruba after January 1, 1986. One is to maintain the Antillean florin, two introduce Aruba's own money, or three, the U.S. dollar or another foreign currency as Aruba's medium of payment. It was the intention of the MEP party to make a decision on the matter a few weeks ago but it was later decided to wait on more ad-



vice before making a definite decision. MEP leader Betico Croes told the Dutch news agency that Aruba is considering the matter to introduce the American dollar as its medium of payment on January 1 1986. He said that Minister Mansur discussed the matter with the Minister for Antillean Affairs Jan

de Koning and the Dutch Minister of Finance, Kees Ruling. "We will maintain the idea to introduce our own monetary system, but the time is too short. Now there are two possibilities: to maintain the Antillean guilder or introduce the dollar as our medium of payment," said Betico Croes.

FOUR HOUSE SHOW HIGHLIGHTED FLAG AND ANTHEM DAY CELEBRATION

ORANJESTAD— The first official celebration of Flag and Anthem Day was highlighted by a cultural manifestation which lasted four hours. The show featured local artists and musical groups. The location where the

show was held was also officially inaugurated by the Deputy of Culture, Miss Grace Bareño, and will henceforth be known as "Plaza Himno y Bandera". The 30 kilometer marathon which is held each year on March 18 was

won by the Haitian runner Lamothe Dieudonne.

Second place was won by Jean Henry of St. Maarten. Sixty five participants including local and overseas runners, took part in the event.

SPANNER ACCUSES CHANGE OF DISCRIMINATION



Mr. Selwyn Spanner

ORANJESTAD— Independent Island Council member Mr. Selwyn Spanner sent a letter of protest to Prime Minister Liberia Peters in which he accused the Minister of Labor and Develop-

ment, Mr. Leo Chance of using discriminatory measures against him. According to Spanner, Chance told his department head Mr. E. Maduro, to exercise strict control on him and

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GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS AGREE TO NEGOTIATE

ORANJESTAD— After a five-day work stoppage by a majority of public servants represented by the GABA, SEPA, and SIMAR labor unions, an agreement was reached between the insular government and the unions to negotiate the following points:
1. The decision of the Executive Council on February 27, 1985 to reduce the salary of public servants by 10o/o. The government revoked its pending negotiation with the unions.

2. The above-mentioned parties agree that in view of the financial situation of Island Territory of Aruba, and after evaluating all possibilities to reduce expenditures, to consider a combination of measures which must produce a balanced and responsible budget.
3. During a period of seven work days, commencing on the first work day after the strike, measures will be negotiated in relation to the urgency plan mentioned in point.

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Editor's Corner

LAW AND ORDER

The methods used by the police to disperse a crowd of demonstrators during the public servants strike last week were heavily criticized by some people. It is not our intention to condone the methods used by the police not to criticize the public servants demonstration, but primarily to stress the importance of law and order in a community. It is often said that we are living in a democratic country. That is true, but democracy also has its limits, and law and order are the main requisites of democracy. And the police is there to maintain that law and order. We understand that in this case the police told the demonstrators that they had until 12:30 p.m. to abandon the site in question; the police were tolerant and lenient enough to prolong the order to 2:00 p.m., and finally when the order was not obeyed tear gas and smoke bombs were used to disperse the crowd. We think that those methods were rather mild, compared to the methods used to disperse crowds in other countries when there are strikes and demonstra-

tions. What we often see in television newscasts proves this point. The question of who gave orders to use what is categorically out of place. If the Lieutenant Governor in his capacity as chief of police gave the order to disperse the crowd, we think that it is the technical prerogative of the police official in command to use whatever methods he considers appropriate according to the circumstances. Let us never forget that if the authorities fail to uphold the standard of law and order in a country that country would be in serious trouble. We also emphatically censure the attitude of the politicians in the opposition for criticizing the police for taking measures to prevent escalation of the incident and for instigating the demonstrators.

This is definitely not a time to make political hay while the sun shines. It would be more beneficial to Aruba if they were to realize in the first place what caused the strike and the demonstration and spare no efforts in preventing a similar occurrence in the future.

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Village Talk



by **WILLY**

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stroik

A fella tell Willy dat de number sellers dem bawlin' dey say dat is now tin gs bad. He say it got seller s ain't even fraid de poles dey sellin' big an' broad on dey porcj an' all

A small shop owner in de village tell Willy dat when de stroik was on he sell ouk he stock ah bay rum

A fella tell Willy dat he 25 years watch jus'loik Lago. He say it was wukkin all de years now as soon as it hear Lago goin' it stop too.

A old lady tell Willy dat she lil grandson rip ouk

she crochet hat to fly kite wid de thread.

Willy hear dat a Jamaican sailor on a tourist' ship was comin' shore wid a stock ah weed but de ploees ketch up wid he. Well is a long toim before he smell de sea breeze again.

Willy hear dat one ah de woman dem who lose she house in de fire was mek kin row in de place way de put she becausin it ain t had no air condishun. What a toim!

Anudder fire victim tell Willy dat is now he got clothes. He say he got 6 pair ah shoes.

Letter to the Editor

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Caribbean Nations call CBI only a First Step

(Written by Andres Openheimer. Reprinted from ATIA news). Kennedy A. Simmonds, prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, did not mince words when he addressed a trade conference in Miami recently to discuss President Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative. To be perfectly frank, up to now the CBI as presently constituted has produced absolutely nothing for St. Kitts and Nevis, he said. It would appear that it requires starvation, as in

Ethiopia, or mayhem and murder, as in Grenada, or guerilla warfare, as in El Salvador, to galvanize the United States into finding significant and massive sources of aid, he told the Eighth Miami Conference, on the Caribbean. Simmonds was certainly not speaking for all Caribbean Basin leaders when he said his country has not yet benefited from Reagan's CBI, but he echoed the feeling of many heads of state at the

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ARUBAN ELECTED LIONS CLUB GOVERNOR



ORANJESTAD—Mr. Elias Fingal, a prominent member of the Aruba Lions Club was unanimously elected Governor of District E-1 on March 9. The election took place in Merida, Venezuela, where a large delegation of Lions from Curacao, Bonaire and Aruba were present to support their candidate. In view of the fact that the last Antillean Governor Mr. Oscar "Shon"

Marugg, also of the Aruba Lions Club, was elected 20 years ago, all the other

Venezuelan candidates relinquished their candidacy in favor of Mr. Fingal. The Antillean clubs especially Aruba Lions Club are extremely happy and proud to once again have a Governor in the largest Service Club in the world with more than 1.3 million members in more than 150 coun-

tries. Another particular accomplishment during the months of March was a visit to Aruba by the former Governor of District E-1, Mr. Victor Gil Gonzales and his charming wife Fanny. In general meeting at the Aruba Palm Beach Hotel members of the Aruba Lions Club got the opportunity to interchange ideas with the outgoing Governor and congratulate the elected Governor.

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and 4 days has been prepared, varying from \$105 per person to \$83 per person, including a continental breakfast, registration in the tournament, transportation from the airport to hotel and back to the airport, a welcome cocktail party and a cocktail party Easter Saturday night at the hotel. Interested persons should contact Mirto Lacle on phone 28998 or Humphrey Hose on phone 25148.

AMERICANA ARUBA HOTEL AND CASINO Appoint new General Manager

Mr. Alex Bookalam, Divisional Vice President of Operations, Americana Hotel Corporation announces the appointment of Mr. Sam Cook as General Manager of the Americana Aruba Hotel and Casino.

Mr. Cook transfers from Nashville, Tennessee where he was General Manager of another Americana Hotel for the past 5 years. Mr. Cook has an extensive background in Sales and Marketing with Trans World Airlines and Sales/Marketing Managerial experience with Americana Hotels.

Mr. Bookalam also announces the re-assignment of Mr. Bernhard Kainer to General Manager of the Americaba Hotel in Toledo, Ohio.



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ROSIKRUCIANS TO CELEBRATE ANCIENT NEW YEAR RITE

Savaneta-The reenactment of a ceremony that began in ancient Egypt over forty centuries ago will be the highlight of a local Rosicrucian conclave to be held here. According to miss Grace V. Richard, master of the Rosicrucian Aruba Chapter Amorc, the ancient Egyptians, from the time of Memphis to the ptolemaic Period began their New Year on or about the time of the vernal equinox, when the Sun crosses the celestial equator and enters the zodiacal sign of Aries, which always occurs on or about March 21st in Egypt, with the coming of Spring. While not now experiencing

the advent of spring those living in the Southern Hemisphere symbolically perpetuate the traditional beginning during a basic transition in the season. This was considered the beginning of the New Year and was symbolic of new life. The Rosicrucian Order Amorc, a non-religious philosophical fraternity maintains that its tradition origin occurred during the reign of Pharaoh Akhnaton in 1350 B.C. The order commemorates this ancient New Year by a symbolic feast in which the celebrants partake of simple foods corresponding to certain basic elements of nature, such as: salt, corn

and unfermented grape juice. New officers of the local Aruba Chapter Amorc who will be installed are: Miss E. F. Jooah-Master; Mr. D. Marquez-Deputy Master; Mrs. A. Vieira-Guardian; Miss A. Paesch-Guardian; Mr. H. T. saint Chapter Secretary Miss I. Weller-Secretary of the Board.

The ceremony is to be held at Aruba Chapter Amorc Savaneta 202, on Sunday March 24th 1985 at 11:00 am. All active members of the grand Lodge are invited. Many visiting members from the surrounding islands are expected to be in attendance.

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4. The Executive Council reserves the right to take the necessary measures to reach its objective to improve the financial situation, including a reduction in wages and salaries, following the legal procedure mentioned in the Agreement of March 7, 1985.

The labor unions reserve the right to strike according to the recognized norms and according to jurisprudence. 4. The urgency plan is the first part of a series of measures to improve the financial situation through mutual negotiations. 5. The Executive Council of the island Territory of Aruba will endeavor to realize the plans mentioned in point 4 not later than July 1, 1985. 6. Affairs regarding the expenditures of personnel in the plans mentioned in point 4 will be negotiated according to the Agreement of March 7, 1985. The Executive Council will give the necessary information cor-

responding to the plans. The unions have the right to suggest and advice accordingly. 7. Improvement of the financial situation of the island cannot be separated from the socio-economic problems.

8. The Executive Council reaffirms that there will be no reprisals against those who participated in the strike. Neither against establishments or institutions subsidized by the government.

9. Deduction from the salary of public workers who were on strike will commence on April 1, 1985, as follows: Employees on monthly payroll during a period of three months. Employees on weekly payroll, during a period of thirteen weeks. 10. The strike started on March 11 at midnight and ended on March 15, 1985, with the simultaneous signing of the agreement.

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YOUTH IN PRISON PREPARING TO CELEBRATED PALM SUNDAY

ORANJESTAD—As was announced, the Youth '85 Commission is trying to involve all the youths of Aruba in special events, based on the spiritual necessity guide. It is the intention of the Commission to work in direct cooperation with the Roman Catholic priests and organizations on the islands, which are giving their full support to all the planned events. The Commission is of the opinion that working for the youths of the islands must also involve the youths who are in prison. A group of young citizens, members of the community, who for one reason or another became involved with the law. The community cannot forget this group who are in need of the moral support to prevent them from becoming involved in similar situations which

were conducive to their imprisonment. The Commission spoke with Pastor Vijverberg, who gives religious guidance to the youths in prison and a special Holy Week program was planned for them. A Holy Mass will be held on March 28, two days before Palm Sunday to commemorate the start of Holy Week. The youths

in prison are contributing to the Holy Week observance by making the crosses which will be carried in the Way of the Cross procession to Serinoca on Good Friday.

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ORANJESTAD—The Deputy of Culture, Grace Bareño inaugurated an exposition of musical instruments in the exposition hall of the Institute of Culture. The organizers of the exposition, Messrs. Ruben Geerman and Robert Scharbaay collected a variety of musical instruments. Thanks to the cooperation of local musicians and other instances the exposition featured a total of 110 different musical instruments. The exposition will be open until March 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. Present at the inauguration were: the director of the Institute of Culture, Mr. Leo and the consul of Venezuela, Mr. Jose Cordero Ceballos and his wife.

conference when he called on the Reagan Administration to expand the program. Netherlands Antilles Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters, reflected a widespread view in the region, said the CBI package is only a first step to promote economic growth in the Caribbean Basin. "It is hoped that the philosophy underlying the CBI program will be further refined and expanded during the president's second term in office, she said. Reagan's CBI plan, approved by Congress last year and put in effect January 1, this year, allows 12 years of duty-free entrance into the U.S. market for a variety of goods from 20 designated Caribbean and Central American countries. The program is aimed at promoting domestic and foreign investment in export-oriented

industries in the region. The CBI also included \$350 million in direct economic aid to Caribbean Basin countries. But a third portion of Reagan's plan, providing for special tax incentives for U.S. companies investing in the Caribbean, was never approved by Congress. Many Caribbean Basin leaders said that while the CBI may lure U.S. investors into setting up operations in Caribbean Basin countries that already have roads, bridges and other basic capital improvements in place, such as Jamaica and the Dominican Republic, the program is not likely to do the trick for less developed nations. They proposed among other things: To resurrect the provisions in Reagan's CBI package providing for tax benefits to U.S.

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WASHINGTON—The Caribbean Central American Action is trying to interest American industries in Aruba. Peter

Johnson, director of the organization in which 80 of the largest American industries are registered said that it is the inten-

tion to absorb the unemployment caused by the closure of the Lago refinery. Stability in the Caribbean region is important to the C.C.A.A., due to the fact that the registered industries have establishments there. According to Peter Johnson, the Netherlands Antilles is a separate case because they don't have any raw material. "They are intelligent people, the standard of living is high, education is good, resulting in skilled workers. The weak point is that they are not sufficiently familiar with the United States". The Netherlands Antilles al-

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to confirm all convocations before he attends Island Council meeting. Spanner is of the opinion that being a member of the Island Council he is entitled to have time to attend to parliamentary matters.

REAGAN ADMINISTRATION PLANS REVISION OF AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Reagan administration plans to ask Congress this week to set economic aid for Israel next year at \$1.2 billion—the current level—and not grant \$800 million in emergency assistance, sources say.

Both decisions are set-backs for Israel in its bid to receive prompt and major economic relief from the United States. Israel has asked for \$1.8

billion in economic assistance in the new budget, but administration and Congressional sources who have been working on the 1986 proposal said the administration does not plan now to request an economic aid level beyond the \$1.2 billion approved last year.

Israel also has sought an immediate \$800 million to shore up its shaky economy, but the administration intends

to withhold the supplemental aid to further pressure Tel Aviv to impose greater economic reforms.

The administration does not intend to act on an supplemental request—the \$800 million or perhaps a lesser amount—until it is satisfied with the austerity measures imposed by the Jewish state, sources said.

The administration has been under increasing pressure from

both Israel and its supporters in Congress to provide economic relief for Israel's beleaguered economy.

Members of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East last week said they would draw up their own aid package unless the administration proposed one.

The subcommittee starts drafting the economic aid le-

gislation for the region Wednesday. Administration sources said a proposal to draft an aid package for Israel along last year's package would be ready by then.

Israel received \$1.4 billion in foreign military sales credits and other security assistance in the current budget. The administration has asked Con-

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companies investing in the Caribbean and Central America. Unfortunately the U.S. Congress failed to pass the last leg of the CBI, giving special tax incentives to U.S. firms investing in Caribbean Basin nations, Liberia Peters said. The reasoning at Congress at the time was that unemployment in the United States was too high to offer incentives for the export of U.S. jobs, she said. However since that time there has been a substantial reduction in U.S.

unemployment. To expand the 12-year limit for the CBI's duty exemptions, I submit to you that this may be too short a period to permit CBI partners time to develop access to the complexities of the U.S. market, Liberia Peters said. Market orientation is in itself a time consuming process. To expand the scope of goods included in the CBI's duty-free provisions. Specifically excluded from duty-free treatment under the CBI are among other things, textile and apparel

handbags, luggage and leather wearing apparel, Simmonds said in his speech. To increase U.S. economic aid to help the lesser-developed countries in the region. The fact is

that while the aid component of the CBI funneled millions of dollars into Central America, it sprinkled mere pennies into the Eastern Caribbean, Simmonds said. U.S. officials disputed this, saying the Reagan Administration during its first term in office has nearly tripled economic assistance to Carib-

bean and Central American countries and that part of these increases went to the Eastern Caribbean. U.S. officials say, however, that it is unlikely that the United States will expand the CBI program while it is seeking ways to reduce expenditures to reduce a record \$200 billion budget deficit. Instead, they proposed fine-tuning the program to make it more ef-

fective. We have to work with what we've got, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Langhorne Motley. We must focus on implementation of the CBI. U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz told the meeting that the United States will drop customs regulations that Caribbean and Central American countries said were making their export

s under the CBI program extremely cumbersome. Shultz said the nations should not judge the program too quickly.

The free trade provision of the CBI has been in effect for 11 months. That is certainly not long enough to judge a 12-year program, he said. But several of the early indicators are promising.



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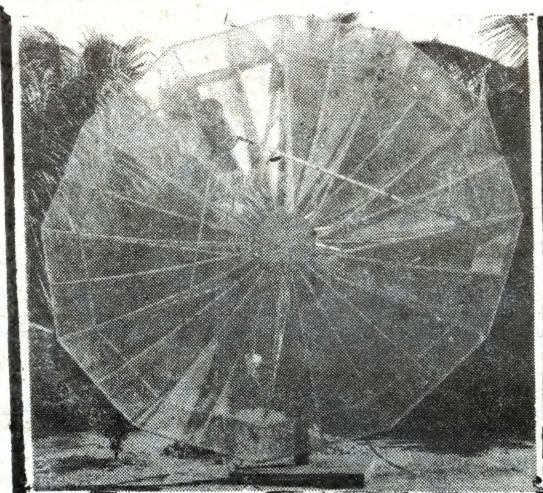
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SABA SEEKS DESIGN FOR OWN FLAG

ORANJESTAD, — The Executive Council of the island of Saba recently decided that Saba should, like other Netherlands Antillean islands, have its own flag and coat-of-arms, and immediately appointed a commission to work to this end.

Saba is one of the islands of the Netherlands Antillean group and has an area of thirteen square kilometers; it lies to the south east of Saint Maarten and north east of Saint Eustacia; the three together forming the windward group of the Netherlands Antilles, which also includes Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire.

The Flag commission, installed March first consists of, Chairman, William S. Johnson; secretary, Frank Hassell and Patricia Johnson with Shirley

Smith as members, and has launched a flag and coat-of-arms contest.

The contest is not limited to residents of Saba, but all citizens of the Netherlands Antilles may participate as well as any person from any other part of the world.

The commission says that the competition is made open to the world so that there may be a wider line of designs to pick from; however it added that all things being equal designs from Saba residents will be given precedence over others.

Other rules of the contest are:

1. The ratio of the dimensions of the flag (the design) should be 3:2.
2. A colour combination of

a maximum of five colours is allowed.

3. The use of concrete forms and other symbols such as circles, triangles, and stars are allowed. However no written text is allowed.

The design may not be identical to or show too great a similarity with the flag of other nations or organizations.

One should take into consideration: a. the flags of the 157 countries which are members of the United Nations; b. the flags of the Netherlands Antilles which already have a flag (Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire).

5. The symbolism of the flag may not show any relationship with any political party or religious organization whatsoever.

2. The flag (the design) should be simple and should be easily distinguishable from a distance. For this reason one should take into account the following points:

a. The colour combination should be clearly visible. It is recommended to use solid colours, such as red, yellow, blue, green, orange, brown, white and black.

b. Light and shadow effects are not permitted while the use of plenty perspective must be avoided.

c. The design may not be too gaudy in the colour combination as well as in the composition.

7. The design should be firm and stylistic. This in con-

nection with the flag being easily distinguishable.

8. The design must be representative for a new State in the Caribbean.

9. Colours should be taken into account with colours which appeal most to our people as far as symbolism combinations and aesthetics.

10. A short and clear explanation of the meaning of the chosen colours (combination) and symbols should be added to it.

The designs for the flag and coat-of arms should be submitted to the: Commission, Flag and coat-of-arms, c/o Mr. Frank Hassell, Secretary Windwardside, Saba, Neth.

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ways focused its outlook on Venezuela, the northern coast of South America and Europe. The United States played a less important role.

(He is right, by now we should all have acquire a U.S. immigrant visa. It takes only 3 years to acquire one. Ed. note.) That must change, according to Johnson. The Netherlands Antilles must create more interest in the United States and the other islands in the region; The C.C.A.A. is currently negotiating with a number of industries to get them interested in Aruba. Johnson did not specify which in-

dustries, the negotiations are in an early stage. But his opinion is that Aruba must improve what it has. He particularly stressed the hotel industry. "At the moment Aruba imports all its food for the hotels from Florida. Fish like the snapper is bought at a very high price in Tampa. It could be feasible to catch fish in the waters surrounding Aruba. That would benefit the hotels and it might even be attractive for export to the U.S. Chicken farms are another possibility, said Peter Johnson. Agricultural products would not be profitable for the soil is too

dry. Light labor intensive industries are ideal. Naturally the electronic industry was mentioned. The problem is that production will be cheaper than in the U.S. but more expensive than in Haiti where an infrastructure already exists.

Peter Johnson does not have any concrete plans for Curacao. He does not see the return of the tax facilities which congress scrapped from the CBI as a possibility. "The U.S. is doing everything possible to collect as much tax as possible and is exploring escape possibilities in the tax laws.

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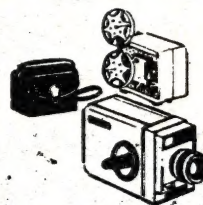
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HOW REFINING INDUSTRY FACES UP TO JOB SQUEEZE

From Rotterdam over to Philadelphia and Singapore the torches burning above petroleum refineries are going out in the gusts of technological change sluggish demand and increased competition from new installations in the oil-producing countries: In the wake of the oil shocks, all refineries in Western Europe, the United States and the Far East have been operating at greatly reduced capacity revolving around 60 percent, and over the past three years 100 obsolete plants have gone out of business altogether. More of the same appears to be in store. And now some good news: compared to other sectors the social

impact of restructuring in refining seems to have been quite "gentle" particularly in the employment field. This can be attributed mainly to the financial strength and management foresight of petroleum companies which has enabled them to "bear the burden of compensation, transfers and conversions in conditions that often proved acceptable to the trade unions and the workers as a whole, according to a new International Labour Organisation study. Many closures have been carried out all the more smoothly in that most of them affected only a small number of people - rarely more than 1,000. Some of

the skilled and managerial personnel of the companies that had to close down have found jobs in newly created refineries in the oil-exporting and certain industrialising countries. In some cases the diversity of petroleum activities has given national and international companies the flexibility needed to implement retrenchment or modernisation plans the study says. Several frequently combined ways of saving jobs and finding new ones have been adopted. Modernisation has sometimes made it possible to preserve a small number of jobs the study reports. For example, when Esso closed down its distillation units

in Antwerp and set up a cracking unit and desulphurization plant, it was able to keep not only its 150 employees but also to recruit 35 additional workers. The reduction hours of work and new approaches in shift work have also had beneficial effects on unemployment. Thus in Belgium, RPB reduced the working week to 36 hours and granted

four extra days, annual leave, while at the same time experimenting with shift and night work. The measures were intended to create between 2 and 5 percent additional jobs. In Australia, by reducing the working week from 40 to 35 hours Caltex has increased employment by 19 percent.

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But he sees other possibilities for Curacao. Curacao can develop itself into the trade center of the Caribbean region. Curacao has an excellent harbor, the people are business wise. They could make Curacao the trade depot for the Caribbean region. There are American investors in the framework of the CBI who are interested, he thinks, and the American government could also give its assistance. The first condition that the Government of the Netherlands Antilles must decide in which direction it wants to go. Furthermore it must sell its plans in an aggressive manner in the U.S. The C.C.A.A. can help in the process with feasibility studies, with promotion and by approaching the industries. Although the U.S. government does not interfere with the policy of the industries, Peter Johnson believes that in Washington there is a willingness to help the Netherlands Antilles with technical facilities and studies in insurance and financing. "The government in Washington is conscious of the fact that

the Netherlands Antilles is the most prosperous in the Caribbean region, but

that economic problems could undermine its stability", Johnson said.

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SHRINERS BURNS INSTITUTE SURGEONS MAKE MEDICAL HISTORY



A close-up of the gauze coated with the skin cells.

Surgeons at the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston have become the first to successfully use human skin-grown in a laboratory-to cover large portions of two severely burned brothers, a technique doctors say was responsible for saving the lives of the two young patients. The success of the graft of cultured human skin, over large portions of the body, may prove to be a major advancement in burn treatment, according to many experts in the field of burn medicine. The laboratory grown human skin -cultured



Dr. Gregory Gallico III prepares to use the laboratory grown human skin cells, coated on gauze, during surgery.

from postage stamp size patches of the boys unburned skin-was surgically applied to approximately half the body surfaces of Glen and Jamie Selby of Wyoming. The technique of growing skin in the laboratory was developed by Dr. Howard Green of Harvard Medical school. Small patches of unburned skin are removed from the patient and processed to remove cells. The cells are put into a special solution and in a matter of weeks, the cultures develop into large sheets used for Surgeons at the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston have been using small patches of the cultured skin on burn patients in recent years. But it was not until the Selby cases, however, that this laboratory grown human skin was used to cover large burn areas. The two Selby brothers were burned last summer over 95 percent of their bodies after they daubed themselves with paint and tried to remove it with solvent which eventually caught fire. Eighty to ninety percent of their burns were third degree in which the skin is completely destroyed. Patients with burns as massive as those of the Selby boys, usually have a slim chance of survival, said Dr.

Gregory Gallico III, one of the Shriners Burns Institute surgeons who operated on the boys. Previously in treating burn patients we had covered up to five percent of the body surface with the cultured epithelium (laboratory grown human skin), Gallico said. We had not anticipated covering so large a percentage of the body at this stage of our experience with (the cultured skin) But since the boys had no other hope of survival, we agreed to try it. In treating burns, doctors often use skin graft taken from unburned areas of the patient. However in the Selby cases, there was not enough unburned skin to use this technique. Cadaver skin is also sometimes used as a temporary coverage for the wounds, but the body will ultimately reject it. According to Gallico, the principal author of a recent New England Journal of Medicine article describing the Selby cases, the laboratory grown human skin adhered to the Selby's wounds and like normal skin grafts, guarded against infection and body fluid loss. After one year, the skin has remained in place and is soft and smooth. The logistics of skin production as reported are truly remarkable.

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People who jog or exercise vigorously without slowly cooling down afterward are running the risk of heart attack, new medical research at Harvard University reveals. Instead of suddenly stopping a workout, its vital to taper off gradually the experts stress. Blood pressure and pulse are with rocket during heavy exercise. But as soon as exercise stops, both start to drop dramatically, said researcher Joel E. Dimsdale, an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Your brain senses the sudden drop in blood pressure and pulse rate and automatically begins pumping two special hormones into the bloodstream that constrict the blood ves-

sels and stimulate the heart to pump harder, Dr. Dimsdale explained. The result, especially in older men, can be heart problems, he said. Therefore the worst possible strategy for someone after a brisk exercise period would be to abruptly stop exercising and stand still. This puts incredible stress on the heart. That's why we recommend you reduce this shock to the body as much as possible by a cooling-down period after your exercise. It allows the body to gradually lower its level of activity, and therefore its less likely to produce dangerous levels of these hormones. In their study, the Harvard researchers had 10 healthy young men pedal to the point of ex-

haustion on a stationary bicycle. As the men pedaled, every three minutes their blood pressure, heart rates and the levels of the two hormones were checked by researchers. And during a brief cooling-down period that followed, researchers noticed the widely surging hormone levels in the test subjects blood. The level of one hormone soared 10 times above normal while the level of the other jumped three times above normal. What more, these men went through a cooling-down period and the hormone levels would probably soar even more dramatically if a person didn't take a cooling-down period at all after exercise, added Dr. L. Howard Hartley, as

sociate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical school. How should you cool down after vigorous exercise? Gradually decrease your activity

over several minutes, explained Dr. Hartley. If for example, you were running vigorously, you should slow down to a slow jog for two or three minutes, then walk

briskly for an other two or three minutes. Finally walk slowly for a few minutes, stretching that period out for as long as possible ideally, for 5 to 10 minutes.

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In France shift work was reduced to 35 hours a week and to a maximum of 198 spells a year per worker, which made it possible to boost employment by one-third. Many workers have been retrained and transferred to local industries or large national and multi-national enterprises. To this end, special employment services have sometimes been established, the study notes, and some skills have received preferential treatment, with workers being retrained for redeployment to allied fields such as nuclear power.

Caution

If the refining sector has so far managed with more rather than less success to take care of its own people caught in an upheaval of restructuring, things might get tougher with the problem of over capacity looming large for the near future. The installations that could have been closed down without too many headaches have already ceased to exist. So unless world

refining output is brought down to match the reduced demand, most probably "its going to be a very brutal business", to quote a recent warning by Robert Wilhem, head of refining and marketing for Exxon-Europe. The ILO study stresses the global nature of the issue because of the international dimensions of the principal social partners whose responsibility it is. Another reason for worry is that further contractions in capacity in refining have an adverse effect on indirect employment created by this vulnerable sector. The British trade u-

nions estimate, for example, that in 1983 refineries gave direct employment to 13000 workers, but indirect employment to between 50,000 and 75,000 in allied industries. The study highlights the need to seek a better balance between the social and economic repercussions of the profound changes facing the industry. "It is to be hoped that social questions will receive greater attention from such bodies as EEC, OPEC, and OECD in their specific activities or tripartite consultations".

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AQUINO JUDGE: FIND THOSE WITNESSES

MANILA, The Philippines (UPI) — A judge today ordered an intensified hunt for four witnesses whose testimony led a citizens' panel last October to name armed forces chief Fabian Ver and 25 others in the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

Judge Manuel Pamaran expressed dismay at the inability of the prosecution to locate the witnesses and issued an order directing all police agen-

cies to join in the search.

Pamaran's directive came after Prosecutor Manuel Herrera reported that the civilian National Bureau of Investigation has so far been unable to locate the witnesses.

The four witnesses are Olivia Reyes, 21, and Efren Ranas, 22, civilian security guards who were assigned to Manila Airport, their supervisor, Ramon Layoso, 58, and cargo loader Fred Viesca, 28.

News reports say they quit

their job and left their homes since giving testimony to a fact-finding inquiry a year ago.

They were among seven civilian witnesses from whose testimony the civilian panel in October concluded a soldier shot Aquino August 21, 1983 on his return from three years of self-exile in the United States.

The panel charged alleged

Communist agent Rolando Galman, who was gunned down moments after Aquino was killed, was the planned scapegoat for the crime.

They also showed Galman in photos facing Aquino who was shot in the back.

Both airport mechanic Ramon Balang, 30, and security guard Wilson Llasos, 33, earlier this month repeated their testimony indicating Aquino was shot on an airline staircase and not on the tarmac as the military contended.

THAILAND IMPOSES MARTIAL LAW

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Thailand has declared martial law in 16 districts bordering areas of Cambodia where Thai officials predict Vietnam will launch new offensives against Cambodian rebels.

The affected areas are in the same region of northeast Thailand where Hanoi's forces intruded last week while attacking resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk's military headquarters at Tatum.

Vietnam, using 10,000 troops, overran Tatum capturing the last major resistance base on the Thai-Cambodian border. The Vietnamese reportedly also penetrated up to

four miles (6 km) into Thailand, where they still hold one key hilltop.

Thai officials said since March 5 the bodies of at least 135 Vietnamese soldiers had been recovered after fierce fighting between Thai troops and Hanoi's forces. Thailand suffered 14 killed and 105 wounded, they said.

Second Army Region Commander Lieutenant General Pisith said an unspecified number of intruding Vietnamese troops remained on Thai soil following their successful attack on Sihanouk's headquarters at Tatum, 324 miles (520 km) Northeast of Bangkok.

He said the declaration of martial law would allow Thai

forces to deal effectively with the intruders or with future incursions.

The areas placed under martial law are in Buriram, Surin, Sisaket and Ubon Ratchathani provinces, 250 to 400 miles (400 to 640 km) northeast of Bangkok.

Tatum, the last major resistance-held base at the Thai-Cambodian border, is opposite Thailand's Surin province.

Pisith said military aircraft would drop leaflets over the martial law areas warning Vietnamese troops to pull back into Cambodia or face "decisive operations" to evict them.

Pisith said the warnings also would apply to thousands

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Nicaragua angry over Reagan "blackmail" letter to international bank

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — Nicaragua today charged the United States with blocking a \$58.4 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank, saying the move deals a serious blow to the country's struggling economy.

The official newspaper, "Barricada," said Nicaragua will condemn the "Yankee aggression" at the next meeting of bank officials scheduled later this month at Vienna, Austria.

U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz recently sent a blackmail type letter to the Banks President, Antonio Ortiz Mena, quoting Ronald Reagan that if the \$58.4 million was granted, it would be difficult for the Reagan administration to seek U.S. Congress-

sional approval for further donations to the bank. The White House has confirmed the letter's existence.

The United States now provides 34.5 percent of the Inter-American Development Bank's yearly budget.

Nicaragua had earmarked the funds for the purchase of cattle, supports for agriculture, and a program against soil erosion, government officials say.

"The letter from Secretary of State Schultz on January 30 brought the Yankee boycott into the situation," the newspaper charges.

President Daniel Ortega faces a deteriorating national economy, as U.S.-backed troops try to overthrow his government, and 40 percent of the national budget must go for defense purposes.

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kable, wrote one psysician in an editorial accompanying the Journal article. The achievement of Gallico and associates cannot be overstated. The first major application of the laboratory grown human skin is a major advancement in the treatment of burns said Dr. G. Donald Whedon, medical research consultant to Shriners Hospitals. How to deal

with severe burns over large areas of the body has been a terrible problem for all burns surgeons. We are very glad that this important research was supported in part by Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and the clinical care of these patients was provided by Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, he said.

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gress to approve \$1.8 billion in security aid for Israel in fiscal 1986.

Secretary of State George Shultz is expected to address the issues in a news conference Friday.

Allen Wallis, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told Congress last week the \$800 million supplemental would be no real benefit for Israel.

"We're convinced that would disappear and their economy won't be any better off, and they'll face bigger problems later on," he said. "They'll be back for more money with worse problems."

Wallis, like Shultz, is an economist and was blunt in assessing Israel's economic problems.

He said Israel consumes more than it produces, there is no budget discipline, money is printed "faster and faster" to meet demands, foreign currency controls are inadequate and there is no viable plan to cut the government work force and redirect it into more useful sectors of the economy.

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Antilles.

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of Vietnamese troops stationed opposite the martial law districts who were expected to hit at small insurgent bases along the border or attack defeated rebels driven into Thailand.

Pisith said Vietnamese forces were poised for cross-border attacks at three locations opposite Surin and Sisaket provinces, where Sihanouk troops have taken shelter.

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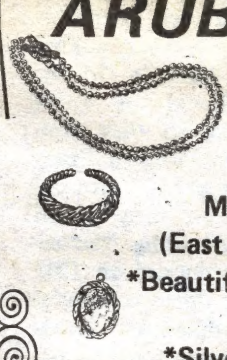
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